CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device for injecting fuel, comprising

a nozzle needle, ~~which is~~ arranged in a nozzle body**;**

[[, and]] a micro-bore formed in the nozzle body~~, in which at least one,~~**the nozzle body having an** injection hole ~~is configured~~ **therein**, ~~with one~~ **wherein a** tip of the nozzle needle ~~projecting in such a way~~ **projects** into the micro-bore**;**

~~, that the~~ **the** tip [[is]] located in the axial direction of the nozzle needle at the level of the injection **hole**~~holes~~, ~~with recesses being~~ **the tip having a recess** formed **therein** ~~at the tip of the nozzle needle~~ **at a point** level with the injection **hole** ~~holes,~~ in order to ensure a minimum distance between the tip and **an uppermost edge point of** the injection **hole** ~~holes~~**; and**

the recess configured as a cirumferential groove.

2. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 1, wherein the minimum distance exists even when the ~~throttle~~ **nozzle** needle is closed ~~and even with smaller needle lift~~.

3. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 1, wherein the minimum distance is formed by an area lying in a plane arranged perpendicular to the axial direction[[,]] with the area between the outer periphery of the tip and [[all]]the ~~inner~~ **uppermost** edge **points** ~~points~~ of the **injection** ~~in-jection~~ **hole being greater than or equal to approximately 0.200 mm^2** ~~holes~~, ~~with~~ **and having** a nozzle needle lift range between 0 and ~~approx.~~**approximately** 80 µm being greater than or equal to ~~approx.~~ **approximately** 0.200 ~~mm2~~ **mm^2**.

4. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 3, wherein the plane runs through the **uppermost** ~~up-permost~~ edge point of the injection hole.

5. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 1, wherein all the injection holes are **arranged** ~~ar-ranged~~ in a plane~~, which is~~ perpendicular to the axial direction.

6. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim ~~1 wherein~~**5 further comprising** the tip of the nozzle needle ~~has a recessed area~~ **having the recess** at the level of the plane.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device for injecting fuel[[,]] comprising:

- a nozzle needle arranged in a nozzle body comprising a tip,

- a micro-bore formed in the nozzle body, in which at least one injection hole is configured, wherein the tip of the nozzle needle is located in the axial direction of the nozzle needle at the level of the injection holes**[[,]];**

[[-]]**said tip having a recess** ~~recesses being formed in the tip at the tip of the nozzle needle~~ **at a point** level with **an uppermost edge point of** the injection **holes** ~~holes~~; **and**

- the recess configured as a conical area at the level of the injection holes.

11. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 10, wherein a minimum distance between the tip and the injection holes exists ~~even~~ when the ~~throttle~~ **nozzle** needle is closed ~~and even with smaller needle lift~~.

12. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 10, wherein a minimum distance between the tip and the injection holes is formed by an area lying in a plane arranged **perpendicular** ~~per-pendicular~~ to the axial direction**[[,]]** with the area between the outer periphery of the tip and all the inner edge points of the injection holes **beign greater than or equal to approximately 0.200 mm^2,** ~~with~~ **and having** a nozzle needle lift range between 0 and ~~approx.~~ **approximately** 80 µm being greater than or equal to ~~approx.~~ **approximately** 0.200 ~~mm2~~ **mm^2**.

13. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 12, wherein the plane runs through the **uppermost** ~~up-permost~~ edge point of the injection hole.

14. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 10, wherein all the injection holes are **arranged** ~~ar-ranged~~ in a plane~~, which is~~ perpendicular to the axial direction.

15. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim **[[10]]** **14**, wherein the tip of the nozzle needle has a recessed area at the level of the plane.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 15, wherein the recessed area is configured as an offset.

18. (Currently Amended) **An injection** ~~Injection~~ device according to Claim 10, wherein ~~the tip of the nozzle needle has a conical area at the level of the injection holes, with the~~ angle between **[[this]]** **the** conical area and **[[the]]** **an** axis of the nozzle needle

being greater than an angle of the tip of the nozzle needle at a seal fit of the needle at the nozzle body.

19. (New) An injection device for injecting fuel, said device comprising:

a nozzle needle arranged in a nozzle body, the nozzle body having an injection hole therein;

a micro-bore formed in the nozzle body, the micro-bore having a tip of the nozzle needle projecting into the micro-bore, the tip located in the axial direction of the nozzle needle at the level of the injection hole, the tip having a recess formed therein at a point level with the injection hole in order to ensure a minimum distance between the tip and an uppermost edge point of the injection hole; and

the recess configured as a conical area at the level of the injection hole.

20. (New) An injection device according to Claim 9, wherein the minimum distance is formed by an area lying in a plane arranged perpendicular to the axial direction, with the area between the outer periphery of the tip and the uppermost edge point of the injection hole being greater than or equal to approximately 0.200 mm^2, and having a nozzle needle lift range between 0 and approximately 80μm.